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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PL

SUBJECT: RFE BROADCASTING TO POLAND

REF: WARSAW 5979

1. I BROUGHT CONTENTS REFTEL TO ATTENTION OF RFE DIRECTOR, WHOSE INFORMAL REACTION WAS THAT SUGGESTIONS ADVANCED BY EMBASSY WERE "LOGICAL AND SENSIBLE". UNDERSTANDABLY, HE MADE NO COMMITMENT ON BEHALF RFE TO ACCEPT THOSE SUGGESTIONS AS "DIRECTIVES OR GUIDELINES", SINCE SUCH COULD COME ONLY FROM RFE OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

2. PARA 3 OF MUNICH 1493 FURNISHED BEST INFORMATION RFE COULD DISCOVER CONCERNING SZCZEPANSKI REFERENCE. TRANSLATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM RFE OF SEPTEMBER 30 PROGRAM ENTITLED "GROMYKO'S VISIT TO WARSAW", WHICH APPEARS TO BE BASIS FOR COMPLAINT CITED PARA 2 REFTEL. REVIEW OF THIS TRANSLATION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT BEAR OUT ALLEGATION THAT BROADCAST STATED THAT GROMYKO HAD COME TO POLAND "TO INSTRUCT GIEREK ON HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON", ALTHOUGH PERCEPTIVE AND CRITICAL LISTENER, ALREADY INCLINED TOWARD SUSPICION OF SOVIET UNION, MIGHT INFER SUCH FROM CAREFULLY WORDED ANALYSIS OF CLOSE COORDINATION OF POLISH AND SOVIET FOREIGN POLICIES. ONE

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STATEMENT IN TRANSLATION READS, "THE WESTERN PRESS HAS

POINTED OUT THAT GROMYKO HAS COME TO WARSAW ALMOST ON THE EVE OF GIEREK'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND EXPRESSED THE SUPPOSITION THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS WILL BE TO COORDINATE THE STANCE FOR GIEREK TO ADOPT IN HIS TALKS WITH HIS AMERICAN HOSTS". A COPY OF TRANSLATION IS BEING DISPATCHED TO WARSAW AND DEPARTMENT BY POUCH.

3. WHILE THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT APPEARS TO HAVE ONLY MINOR SIGNIFICANCE IN ITSELF, I BELIEVE THAT REFTEL RAISES GENERAL QUESTION OF ROLE OF THIS CONSULATE GENERAL, AS ACTION OFFICE, IN TRANSMITTING POLICY SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENT TO RFE AND RL. WHILE ENTIRELY COOPERATIVE AND WILLING TO DISCUSS ALL SUCH MATTERS, BOTH STATIONS TAKE POSITION THAT POLICY DIRECTIVES TO THEM CAN COME ONLY FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK. THEY DO NOT REGARD RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING AS IN ANY WAY ALTERING THIS OPERATIONAL PATTERN OR AS GIVING POSTS IN EASTERN EUROPE (OR THIS CONSULATE GENERAL) ANY GREATER DIRECT ROLE THAN HITHERTO IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

4. I INTEND TO DISCUSS THESE, AS WELL AS OTHER RELATED MATTERS, WITH AMBASSADOR FOY KOHLER DURING HIS STAY IN MUNICH BEGINNING OCTOBER 5. SPIVACK

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